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THE South-Carolina Gazette.

Containing the freſheſt Advices Foreign and Domeſtick.

From Saturday, MAY 4, to Saturday, MAY 11. 1734

Boſton Febr. 28.

AT a Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boſton, duly qualified and regularly Aſſembled in a Publick Town-Meeting on Friday *Feb.* 22. 1733.

The Hon. *Thomas Fitch*, Eſq; was choſe Moderator, and it was unanimouſly Voted,

That the Hon *Thomas Fitch*, with the Select Men, be deſired forthwith, to Repreſent the decaying Circumſtances of the Fortifications of this Town to the Captain General, and deſire he would pleaſe to lay the ſame before the General Court, in order to obtain a ſuitable Allowance to put the Town into a proper poſture of Defence, it being the Key of the Province.

Agreeable to which, a Memorial was preſented to his Excellency our Captain General: And his Excellency on Saturday laſt was pleaſed to ſend the following Meſſage to the two Houſes, and alſo lay the ſaid Memorial before them.

Gentlemen of the Council, and Houſe of Repreſentatives,

I Have already laid before you the Petitions I have received from ſeveral Towns, reſpecting the State of their Fortifications, and having Yeſterday received one from the Town of Boſton, the Capital of this Province, and its principal Maritime Frontier; I now recommend it to your Conſideration, hoping you will proceed upon it with a juſt Regard to ſo valuable an Intereſt of this Province, and that you will before you riſe, act up to the Spirit of our Anceſtors in a proper care for the General Defence of their Country.

The Conſideration of which Affair, the Honourable Houſe of Repreſentatives then referred to Wedneſday the 22d Inſtant.

And we hear that yeſterday, according to the Order of the Day, the Honourable Houſe took into Conſideration the Petition of the Town of *Boſton*, to the Captain General, praying his Conſideration of the ruinous State of the Batteries, and that he would lay the ſame before the Court for their Aſſiſtance and Relief; as alſo ſundry other Petitions of the like Nature, from ſeveral Places in the Province, praying to be put in a Poſture of Defence; and that after ſome Debate thereon, the further Conſideration of the ſaid Petitions was referred to the ſitting of the Court, except a Memorial ſhewing the Advantage that would ariſe, if a Line of Block-Houſes were erected at ſuitable Diſtances between *Tyngſtable* and Fort *Dummer*, as a Line of Defence to the Weſtern Frontiers in Caſe of a Rupture; which we hear is under the Conſideration of a Committee of the Houſe. And that both Houſes have appointed a Committee, to prepare the Draught of an humble Addreſs to the KING, praying His Majeſty would furniſh Caſtle *William* with a Number of Guns, eſpecially ſome large Guns for a new Battery on the Eaſtern End of *Caſtle-Iſland*, as alſo a ſufficient Number of Powder and Ball.

Since the paſſing the Bill for the Repairing of His Majeſty's *Caſtle William*, a Committee of three Gentlemen have been choſen and appointed to effect the Repairs thereof, agreeable to the Act, viz. His Honour the Lieutenant Governor SPENCER PHIPPS Eſq; the Honourable the Speaker of the Houſe *John Quincy*, Eſq, and Mr. *Benj. Lind* a Member of the Houſe.

Yeſterday in the Afternoon, the great White Bear, which was about a Year ago brought hither by Capt. *Atkins* from Greenland, was carried in a Cage on a Truck from the *White Horſe* at the South-End, to the Long-Wharff, followed by a multitude of Spectators, where he was ſhip'd on board Capt. *Waller*, bound for London.

Boſton, March 11. On Monday laſt His Excellency the Governour was pleaſed to adjourn the Great and General Court or Aſſembly of this Province, to Wedneſday the 26th of April next.

On Tueſday His Excellency was pleaſed, by and with the Advice of His Majeſty's Council, to Iſſue out a Proclamation, appointing Thurſday the 4th of April next to be obſerved as a Day of publick Faſting and Prayer throughout this Province.

The ſame Day Capt. Fuller arrived here from Madera, but laſt from Barbadoes, by whom we learn that the Planters of Barbadoes labour under ſo many Difficulties and Diſcouragements, that great Numbers of them intend ſpeedily to leave that Iſland, and ſettle at Cape Fear.

Laſt Week a Veſſel arrived here from Virginia, the Maſter whereof reports, (as we are informed) That juſt before he ſailed, a Ship came in from England with Advice, that they were beating up for Voluntiers in *London* when ſhe came away, but that War was not then declared.

Boſton, March 18. Laſt Week a Veſſel arrived at Marblehead in about 8 Weeks from Cadiz, the Maſter whereof informs, that there has been an Engagement between the Germans and French upon the Rhine, wherein the latter loſt near Twenty Thouſand Men. That a ſtrong Fleet of French and Spaniſh Men of War, with a Land Army on board, is gone into the Mediterranean Sea, and 'tis thought their Deſign is againſt Naples or Sicily.

Extract of a Letter from Antigua, *dated* Jan. 11, 1733-4.

'THere is a Blaſt upon the Canes, which never was 'known in this Iſland before, which deſtroys them 'wholly wherever it come, and many hundreds of Acres are 'wholly loſt. It's very ſickly in this Iſland; they die with 'a Fever in two Days time, and many of an unuſual ſore 'Throat in three Hours. —— But it ſeems, at Home they 'are reſolved to defend the Weſt-Indies, for about 4 hours 'ſince a Letter from London informs, that nine Men of War 'a Regiment of Soldiers, and 150 Cannon are preparing for 'the Weſt-Indies. Sixteen Days before my Arrival at Antigua, the Negroes on the Iſland of St. John's aroſe, and 'cut off the Whites, kill'd 42 Men, and a Remnant fled 'into the Wilderneſs. The ſtation'd Ship of 60 Guns 'ſailed from Antigua five Days after this Paſt, for their 'Relief, but to Day we had News of the Negroes at Kit's, 'that the Week before laſt they attempted the ſame in that 'Iſland, by ſetting Six Houſes on Fire, but were prevented 'of their Deſign, by a Negro that had a peculiar Regard 'for his Maſter, diſcloſing the Plot.

Extract of a Letter from Barbadoes, *dated* Dec. 10. 1733.

'CAPT. Newſom arrived a few Days ago with Advice, 'that Ten Men of War were coming here, for what 'End is not known, but War expected.'

From

From another Letter dated the 19th of *Jan.* last.

OUR Crop is the ſmalleſt we have ever had, inſomuch that Eſtates which made 3000 Pots of Sugar, will not make 300, and not one Third of the Mills will be put about this Year, and the Merchants to whom the Planters are indebted preſs 'em ſo hard, that the Conſequence is to be dreaded; and ſhould there be a War with France, as we expect, this Iſland will (I much fear) be ſoon taken, or at leaſt plundered by the Martinecans.

On Thurſday a Sloop arrived here from Virginia, the Maſter whereof informs us, That two Ships were arrived there from London, one three days, and the other the Day before he ſailed, who inform'd, that they left London the latter End of December, and the Fleet for Virginia intended to ſail ſome time in January under a good Convoy, if not prevented by an Embargo, which they were in daily Expectation of, all the Diſcourſe being about War. The ſaid Maſter further informs, that a few Days after he came out, he ſaw 15 Sail of Ships off of the Capes ſtanding in for Virginia, which he took to be the Fleet from London, but was not near enough to ſpeak with them.

Rhode-Iſland, March 15. 1733,4.

Mr. Charles Morino Mate of a Sloop belonging to this Port arrived here yeſterday from the Havana, who informs us that in their Paſſage from Jamaica to Rhode-Iſland their Sloop was Caſt-away on the Martiers in the Gulf of Florida at 4 o'Clock in the Morning on the 18th day of Dec. laſt, in ſight of Land from the Maſt head; blowing a freſh Gale of Wind at N. E. the Sloop and Cargo entirely loſt, having 9 White Men and 5 Negroes on board; one half took to the Boat, and the other to a Canoe, which they ſaved with much Difficulty, viz. Capt. Th. Wells *of N. York, Capt.* Richard Cupit, *a Paſſenger,* Samuel Trip, *and* Aaron Griet *of Newport, and 3 Negroes went in the Canoe, who got to Land and went 15 Leagues up in a Lagoun, where they landed; the Indians perceiving them, fell upon them and kill'd the 4 white Men, cut them to pieces and eat them, but ſaved the 3 Negroes to make Money of them; it is thought that* Wells *had with him a conſiderable Quantity of Silver and Gold. The ſaid* Morino, *who took to the Sloop's Boat with Six more in Company, rowed up the Lagoun about 12 Leagues, and ſeeing three Indians he returned back again round the Keys, where he fortunately met with a Spaniſh Sloop, that was trading there with the Indians, that gave him and thoſe that were with him their Paſſage to the Havana, & uſed them civilly. Capt.* Edward Moris, *who was Maſter of the aforeſaid Sloop, dyed of a burning Fever three Days before this Misfortune happened.*

Philadelphia, April 4. By a Letter from St. *Chriſtophers* we have Advice, that the Ship Newbury Capt. *Green*, belonging to this Port, is loſt on the Iſland of Berbuda; but the People all ſaved. We hear that Capt. *Wilcox*, who ſailed from this Port for Ireland laſt Fall, fell over board and was drowned, a few Days before the Ship arrived in Cork.

A Letter from *St. Chriſtophers* dated the 16 Febr. mentions that a Ship from Deal, arrived there in five Weeks, and brought News, that there is no likelihood of a War at preſent, the Admiral of the Britiſh Fleet having taken down his Flag, and many of the Ships and Men diſcharg'd.

CHARLESTOWN, May 11.

Tuesday laſt ſailed out of this Port his Majeſty's Ship the *Alborough*, for *London*, having on board the Honourable *James Oglethorpe* Eſq; with eight of the *Creek Indians* and *Tomo-chi-chi* their Chief.

The Indian Traders from among the *Cherokee-Indians* are come to Town, and none of them thinks it ſafe to return.

CUSTOM-HOUSE, Charleſtown,

Entred inwards.

Sloop James & Lewis, Wm Glover from Jamaica.
Scooner Chriſtian, John Plaskett from Philadelphia.
Scooner Dolphin, Edward MClver from Jamaica.
Ship John, Jonathan Rowze from St. Chriſtophers.

Entred out.

Scooner Chriſtian, John Plaskett for Philadelphia.
Snow Brittania, John Staples to ditto.
Sloop James & Lewis, William Glover for Plymouth.
Sloop George, Joſeph Dickenſon for Boſton.

Cleared for Departure.

Ship Mary Anne, Tho. Shubrick to London.
Sloop Relief, Clement Hudſon to Providence.
Sloop Sweet Nelly, Robert Bullcock to N. Carolina.
Scooner Bold Robert, Cha. Walker to Bahama Iſlands.
Sloop Little Gypſee, John Walker to Ditto.

EXPORTED from this PLACE ſince *Nov.* 1, 1733.
Rice 25,691 Barrels. Pitch 19,855 Tar 6,241. Turpentine 1,737. Whereof 6,286 Barrels of Rice, for FOREIGN MARKETS.

PRICES of the following GOODS.
Rice 3 l. 5 s. per Hund. Pitch 40 s. per Bar. Tar 1 l. 5 s. 6 d. per Bar. Turpentine 20 s. per Hund. Indian Corn 17 s. 6 d per Buſhel. Staves 12 l. per Thouſand. Skins 1 s. 6 d. to 18 s.

Advertiſements.

Charles-Town the 11th May 1734.

HIS EXCELLENCY *the Governor having received Informations from ſome Traders in the* Cherokee *Nation, which require*

quire the mature and immediate Consideration of the Legislature, doth therefore desire the Members of His Majesty's Honourable Council, and those of the Assembly, punctually to meet in Charles-Town *on the* 14th *Instant, as by Adjournment.*

A Specimen of the Laws of the Province of *South-Carolina* will be published on Wednesday the 15th Inst. with the Proposals of Subscribing. They will be delivered and Subscriptions taken in at Mrs. Wm. PINCKNEY's and Jac. WOOLFORD's on the Bay, at Mr. Ch. SHEPHEARD's in the Georgia Coffee-House in Broad-street, at Mr. James FOWLER's in Elliot-street, and at my Printing-Office.

The following Advertisement was sent to my Office about a Month ago, but not knowing who it came from, and no money being left with it, it has been omitted hitherto, for which I beg the Gentleman's pardon.

TO prevent Inconveniencies, unnecessary Disputes and Delays, the following Proposals was made in open Sessions the 23d Day of this Inst. *March*, on the part of *Gilbert Wright*, an Infant, by *Robert Wright* Esq; her Father and Guardian, to Mrs. *Sarah Somerville*'s Attorneys and Counsel, which was absolutely refused.

To enter into a Rule by Consent to frame a proper Issue upon this single Point, viz. *Whether the real Estate late in the Possession of* Tweedie Somerville Esq. *or his Assigns was well conveyed to him, or not?* If well, then the Infant will be entirely out of the case. If not, the Widow *Somerville* can have no Pretence of Right.

To try such Issue at the King's Bench Barr in *England*, & that Judgment shall be enter'd upon what Verdict shall be given there, in the Court of Common-Pleas here

To make indented Copies of all Deeds and other Evidences, and each Party to send the same home under the Seal of the Province, and those to be read at the Trial.

To admit all Facts necessary to be proved.

In the mean time that the Estate be let to the best Bidder and the Rents and Profits paid into the Hands of Mr. *Wragg* and Mr. *Godin*, or either of them, for the Use of the Party that shall happen to prevail.

And lastly, that each Party give Security to the other, to pay such Costs as shall be taxed by the Secondary or Master of the Court of King's Bench in *England*.

ROBERT WRIGHT.

'TIS true the *Proposals* mentioned in the last Saturday's Paper, the first in the Column of Advertisements *were* made, as therein is mentioned, and 'tis as true that they were absolutely refused, and that, because 't was apprehended instead of preventing Inconveniencies, unnecessary Disputes and Delays, *they were necessarily introductive* of every one of those Evils, as the *wise Author* of those Proposals must have been sensible of, upon the most slender Consideration: But since he is fond of appearing in Print, and shewing his Erudition, he is desired to say, How the Consent of Party's can give a Jurisdiction to a Court that has none? as certainly the Courts of Westminster have not, to try a Title of Lands in America. In the next Place, How Judgment can be enter'd in the Court of Common Pleas *here*, upon a Verdict given in the *King's Bench at Westminster*; and how that Judgment when entered, can be carried into Execution; and why 'tis necessary this Cause should be tried in Westminster Hall; and what are the Inconveniencies which that would prevent?

Is it not, I pray, to try the Right to a *Carolina Estate*, and are there not proper Courts of Judicature in this Province for that Purpose? Sure there are, or *we* have hitherto been much mistaken: And have we not as *upright*, *learned* and *impartial* a *Chief Justice*, and has not the Proposer's Client as *able*, *eloquent* and *powerful* Council as ever was, or ever will be in Westminster Hall? And if so, why is this Gentleman afraid to try the Validity of his Clients Pretensions here? Doth he suspect the *Honesty* of the Jury, the *Ability* of his Council, or *Impartiality* of his Judge? But granting there was a Possibility of putting his Proposal in Execution, is the Gentleman so ignorant himself; or doth he think that Mrs. *Somerville* and her Council are so, as not to know that an Estate may be *well convey'd* according to the Laws and Usage in America, which may not be convey'd strictly agreeable to the Laws and Usage of England? As particularly in the manner of levying a Fine in England, which cannot be done in America, because there are neither Offices nor Officers to put it in Practice; and yet there is a Method appointed which is Tantamount throughout all the Provinces in America; and it is not to be imagin'd that the Usage and Method of a Woman's barring herself of her Estate by acknowledging before a Judge that she did it *freely* and *voluntarily*, which is establish'd not only in Carolina, but throughout America, and declared to be equal to a Fine levyed at Westminster, must now be defeated, to the undoing of all the Estates in the Province, only to let the Proposer's Client into a particular Estate, because they want it, and without which they can have no manner of pretension to it.

Sarah Somerville.

P. S. It is not to be supposed I understand Latin, but my little Son, who is just learning *Phædrus*'s Fables, being by when I was reading the above Answer, tells me the Motto to the Fable of the Dog and the Crocodill would be a sufficient answer to the Proposals without more trouble; on which I ordered him to write them out, and are as follows:

Consilia qui dant prava cautis hominibus,
Et perdunt operam, & deridentur turpiter.

Let the Proposer apply them, for I confess, I don't understand them.

For PHILADELPHIA directly,

THE Snow *Britannia* Capt. *John Staples* will sail from hence in 12 Days. For Freight or Passage agree with the said Captain, or with Mr. *Robert Ellis* at the Store on Mr. *Stent*'s Bridge; where is good new Flower and Bread to be sold very reasonable.

RUN AWAY from his Master *Thomas Fairchild* in *Charlestown* a lusty young Negro Fellow named Bristol, he speaks good English, has very small eyes, and a Scarr in his Temple, and stoopes with his shoulders in walking. Whoever brings the said Fellow to his Master in *Charlestown* shall have Twenty Pounds Reward.

WHereas one *John Bishop* late of *Jamaica*, sailed from that Island in *April* 1733 with Capt. *Peter Carney* for the *Havanna* and *Providence*, where he left the said *Carney* and came to this Province, but died soon after his Arrival; Any Person that can give any Intelligence in whose Hands the said *John Bishop* left his Effects, at whose House he died, or any thing else concerning him, to *Daniel Crawford* at his Store in Broad-street in *Charlestown*, shall be sufficiently rewarded. Where may be had good Garlix, Womens Silk, Calamanco- and Tyken-Shoes &c. at reasonable rates, also a fine eight Days repeating Clocks of *Thornton*'s make.

To be Sold

A Plantation within four Miles of *Charlestown*, containing 400 Acres of Land, pleasantly situate between & with very convenient Landings, upon *Ashley River* and *Wando Creek*. There is upon it a very commodious Dwelling-house and Outhouses, with a fine Prospect of *Ashley River*, an exceeding good Pasture, and Ground fit for Rice not yet cleared, and very well stored with Timber and Firewood. Whoever is inclinable to purchase it, may have Credit, paying Interest, and may treat with *William Cattell* Esq; Mr. *Benjamin Godfrey*, or *Benj. Whitaker*.

To be Let

A House in Church street opposite the Anabaptist Meeting-house, belonging to Capt. *Geo. Smith*, Enquire of Mr. JOHN BAKER, who lives in the same.

At the Council-Chamber on Tuesday the 14th Inst. will be a CONSORT of Vocal and Instrumental MUSICK. Tickets to be had at Mrs. *Dawson*'s at 40 s. each. To begin at 6 o'Clock.

This is to give Notice, that the Widow *Vanvel* has set up a French-School for young Ladies, and teaches them all sorts of Imbroidery: She lives in the House of Mr. *Doursaint* in Church-street near the French Church in *Charlestown*.

Publick Notice is hereby given, that on Thursday the 9th Inst. two Indian Traders were moved to buy each of them a new Impression of a certain old Book called the *Bible*, which is a thing so extraordinary, that it ought to be taken notice of, to the end that perhaps some others of their Companions might follow their good Examples.

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